

#### The Papal Guarantees.

This follows from an official source, and is the full text of the law recently passed by the Italian Parliament, guaranteeing the independence of the Pope, and recognizing him as not owing allegiance to any earthly power.

VATICAN EXCELSIUS II., by the grace of God and the will of the nation, King of Italy. The Senate and the Chamber of Deputies have approved. We have sanctioned and promulgated as follows:

SECTION I.

*Preparation of the Pontifical and the Holy See.*

Article 1. The person of the Supreme Pontiff is sacred and inviolable.

Article 2. Any attempt against the person of the Supreme Pontiff, or any provocation to commit the same, shall be punished with the same penalties as are established by law for a similar attempt or provocation against the person of the King.

Any offence or injuries publicly directed against the person of the Pontiff, by word or deed, or by any means described in Article 1, of the law of the press, shall be punished with the penalties established by Article 19, of the above-mentioned law.

Such offences are actionable on behalf of the State, and shall be tried by the Courts of Justice.

The discussion upon religious matters is entirely free.

ART. 3. The Italian Government shall render to the Supreme Pontiff in the territories of the kingdom, the honors which are due to royal rank, and shall maintain the privileges of honor which are paid to him by Catholic sovereigns.

The Supreme Pontiff shall have liberty to maintain the ordinary number of guards attached to his person and for the custody of his palaces. Said guards shall, however, be bound by all obligations and duties entailed upon them by the existing law of the kingdom.

Art. 4. The annual payment of \$225,000 U.S. in favor of the Holy See, is maintained.

The sum aforesaid, equal to the sum inscribed on the Roman budget, under the head of "Sant' Palazzo Apostolico, Sacro Collegio, congregazione ecclesiastica, segno arco di statio, ad ordine diplomatico al sestiere," shall be considered as providing for the maintenance of the Supreme Pontiff, for the divers ecclesiastical wants of the Holy See, for ordinary and extraordinary repairs required for the custody of the apostolic palaces and their dependencies; for all allowances, annuities and pensions to the guards mentioned in the preceding article, and to all persons attached to the Pontifical Court, and for eventual expenditure, as well as for the ordinary repairs and custody of the museums and library thereto annexed, and for allowances, stipends and pensions to persons employed for that purpose.

The donation aforesaid shall be inscribed upon the great book of the public debt in the form of an annuity perpetual and indestructible, in the name of the Holy See; the same shall likewise be paid pending all vacancies of the See, in order to supply the wants inherent to the Roman Church during this interval.

It shall be exempt from any kind of tax or charge, either governmental, municipal or provincial, and it shall never be reduced, even in the case that the Italian Government should subsequently determine to take to their own charge the expenditure incidental to the museums and library.

Art. 5. The Supreme Pontiff shall, besides the donation fixed by the preceding article, have free enjoyment of the apostolic palaces of the Vatican and Lateran, with the edifices, gardens and grounds annexed and depending thereon, as also of the villa of Castel Gandolfo, with all its accessories and dependencies.

The said palaces, walls and accessories, and likewise the museums, library and artistic and archaeological collections therein existing, shall be inalienable and exempt from all tax or charge and from expropriation for public purposes.

Art. 6. During the vacancy of the Pontifical See, no judicial or political authority shall, on any pretence whatsoever, offer any impediment or limitation to the personal liberty of the Cardinals. The government shall take proper measures in order that the assemblies of the Conclave and the Ecumenical Council be not disturbed by any external violence.

Art. 7. No public officer or agent of the papal See shall be permitted, in the discharge of his functions, to penetrate into the palaces or places, the habitual residence or temporary abode of the Supreme Pontiff, or in which a Council or Ecumenical Council may be assembled, without the authorization of the Supreme Pontiff or of the said Conclave or Council.

Art. 8. It is likewise forbidden to visit, search or seize any papers, documents, books or registers in the pontifical offices or congregations which may be invested with a merely spiritual character.

Art. 9. The Supreme Pontiff shall have full liberty to exercise all the functions of his spiritual ministry, and to cause all the acts pertaining thereto to be affixed at the door of the basins and churches in Rome.

Art. 10. No person or persons clothed with an ecclesiastical character, who, in virtue of their office, may take part in the publication of any act of the spiritual ministry of the Holy See, shall be subject on account thereof to any punishment, investigation or examination on the part of the public authorities.

Any foreign person invested with an ecclesiastical office in Rome shall enjoy the personal rights which belongs to Italian citizens by force of the laws of the kingdom.

Art. 11. The energy of foreign governments to his Holiness shall enjoy in the Kingdom of the rights, and immunities which belong to diplomatic agents, in accordance with international law.

Such offenses as may be committed against the said treaty shall be punished with the same penalties as are established for the offenses committed against foreign envoys to the Italian Government.

The rights and immunities established in accordance with international law are hereby assured in the territories of the kingdom to the envoys of his Holiness to the foreign Governments, both in going to or returning from the places of their mission.

Art. 12. The Supreme Pontiff shall be at liberty to correspond with the Episcopate and with the whole Catholic world, without any interference on the part of the Italian Government.

To this effect he shall be free to establish in the Vatican, or in any other of his residences, postal and telegraphic offices, and to employ therein persons of his choice.

The Pontifical Post Office shall be allowed either to correspond directly by closed mails with the exchange post offices of foreign States, or to deliver the correspondence into the Italian post offices.

In either case the transmission of dispatches or correspondence, bearing the stamp of the Pontifical Post Office, shall be exempt from any tax or charge throughout the Italian territory.

Messengers commissioned by the Supreme Pontiff

shall be placed in the kingdom on the same footing as the Cabinet messengers of foreign governments.

The Pontifical telegraphic office shall be connected with the telegraphic lines of the kingdom, as above enumerated by the said office.

Telegraphic despatches issued by the said office, and bearing the authentic qualification of Pontifical, shall be received and transmitted with the same privileges which are conceded to State telegrams; they shall also be exempt from any tax in the kingdom.

Similar advantages shall be extended to telegrams of the Supreme Pontiff, or signed by his order, bearing the stamp of the Holy See, which may be presented to any telegraphic office of the receiver.

ART. 13. Seminaries, academies, colleges, and other institutions for the education and tuition of members of the priesthood in the city of Rome and in the suburban seats, shall remain under the exclusive dependence of the Holy See, without any interference on the part of the school authorities of the Kingdom.

SECTION 2.

*Religious of Church and State.*

Art. 14. Any special restriction of the right of assembly of members of the Catholic clergy shall be exempt from the taxes usually charged to the receivers.

ART. 15. The Government hereby renounces its right of "Legatio Apostolica" in Sicily, as also its right of appointment and presentation in the collation of the higher benefices.

Bishops shall not be required to take the oath of allegiance to the King.

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All acts, however, of ecclesiastical estates, and the provision for the higher and lesser benefices, and with the exception of those which are situated in the city of Rome and in the suburban seats, shall remain subject to the "exequatur" and the "pactum" of the crown, until it be otherwise provided by the special mentioned in article eighteen.

No change is made in regard to the enactments of civil law respecting the creation and modes of existence of ecclesiastical institutions and the alienation of their estates.

Art. 17. No complaint or appeal from acts issued by the ecclesiastical authorities, in matters spiritual or disciplinary, shall be allowed. No compulsory sanction, however, shall be acknowledged or granted to the acts aforesaid. The cognizance of the legal effects of said acts, or any act whatever of the last mentioned authorities, belong to the civil magistrates. Should these acts, however, be found contrary to the laws of the State or to public order, or detrimental to the rights of private citizens, they shall remain without effect, and they shall be subject to penal law should they constitute a misdemeanour.

Art. 18. Provision shall be made by a further enactment for the organization, the conservation and the administration of ecclesiastical property throughout the Kingdom.

Art. 19. Any provision of law now in force concerning matters contemplated by this present enactment, in so far as they are contrary to the same, shall henceforth be set aside.

We order that the law, provided with the Seal of State, be inserted in the official collection of the laws and decrees of the Kingdom of Italy, charging all whom it may concern to obey, and cause it to be obeyed, as a law of the State.

Given in Turin, May 15, 1871.

Giuseppe, Vincenzo, G. Acero, G. Gallo, Giovanni Falini, C. Consani, Quintino Cuccia, Castagnola, E. Visconti-Venosta.

TERESA SERRANO.—An expedition recently sailed from New York for Camina Bay, in South America, to search for the treasure lost by the Spanish fleet in 1834, amounting to about Five Million Dollars. The expedition is undertaken by the American Submarines Company, of which General Burnside is President, and it is fitted out with every necessary appliance which money and invention can supply. The history of the lost treasure is interesting and is condensed as follows: In February, 1814, there sailed from the port of Cadiz, Spain, a fleet of one hundred vessels, which was destined to administer a quietus to the young but ambitious Republics of South America. The flag ship, San Pedro de Alcantara, carried with the admiral the paymaster of the forces, and his ready fitting dress, only emphasized the natural want of charms which invests one of Raphael's Sistine cherubs. But the real Baskin, how different! 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